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ALLIES GAINING GROUND IN FRANCE

GERMANS ADMIT RUSSIAN ARMY'S BIG ADVANCE IN EAST PRUSSIA

Czar's Forces Now Fifteen Miles Southwest of Gumbinnen in German Territory-Great Battle in Russian Poland Continues Without Definite Results-German Situation Without Precedent in Military Strategy -Must Hold Wings Intact or Meet Disaster.

SIEGE OF FORTS OF CRACOW HAS BEGUN

Suburbs of City Reported in Flames and Heavy Russian Guns Steadily Bombarding-Allies Take the Offensive in Belgium-Artillery Fire Meets Only Feeble Resistance From Germans-French Claim Repulse of Enemy in Argonne Region.

London, Nov. 30, 5:03 p. m.—A news dispatch received here from Danzig in West Prussia, says that Emperor William, in a telegram to General Mackenzen, expressed great satisfaction with the success achieved by the general's army in Poland. His Majesty conferred on General Mackenzen the Order of

Amsterdam, via London, Nov. 30, 6:30 p. m.—A mes- key in a few days. sage from Brussels to the Handlesblad states that the German thau. Jr., son of the ambassador, congovernor of the province of Brabant, in which Brussels is located, convoked a meeting of financiers and told them that Bel-stantinople to assist in the embassy gium must pay 35,000,000 francs (\$7,000,000) monthly for the maintenance of German troops. In addition to this sum, designated as a special agent of the it is said, Belgium must contribute a war levy of 375,000,000 state department in France and will francs (75,000,000) as a penalty for violations of neutrality bassador Sharp in Paris. by Belgium and losses ensuing therefrom to Germany.

Petrograd, Nov. 30, via London, 2p. m.—On the basis of reports received in Petrograd from Hungary it is stated here today that the Austrian-Hungarian casualties to date amount to 900,000 men and 19,000 officers.

ing this opposition in contempt, threw

wedge, dominated by Lodz, being

thrust into the German center. If the

Germans can hold their lines of com-

munication with their wings intact.

view of British observers, without suf-

he suppression of all efforts to sig-

Germany Admit Russian Advance.

ed into East Prussia to a distance 15

In Belgium, says the French official

statement, it is the allies and not the

Germans who are now on the offen-

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ing on the defensive. The artillery forth that the Germans, apparently ig-fire has been feeble and we have made porant of the extent of the Russian progress at certain points. In the vicinity of Fay we hold securely the positions we occupied November 28. "In the region of Soissons there has been an intermittent artillery fire

directed against the town. "In the Argonne several attacks on the town of Dagatelle were repulsed

by our troops. There has been a very heavy fog

on the heights of the Meuse. 'In the Woevre district the enemy bombarded the forest of Apremont.

but without result. "There is nothing to report in the Vosges.

Russian Attack Fails.

Berlin, Nov. 30, by wireless to London, 3.05 p. m .- The following official statement was given out at military headquarters today:

"There is nothing of note to report from the western theatre of war. On the East Prussian frontier an attempt by strong Russian forces to make sur prise attacks on the German fortifications east of Darkehmen failed with heavy losses to the enemy from whom we captured a few officers and 600

"South of the Weichsel (Vistula river) the counter attacks which we mentioned yesterday, led to satisfactory results. Eighteen cannon and more than 4500 prisoners fell into our

"Nothing of note has occurred in southern Poland."

German Retreat Reported.

Petrograd, via London, Nov. 30. 11:37 a. m .- "Fighting on the Russo-Prussian front is turning advantageously for our side" telegraphs a correspondent of the Army Messenger "Our cavalry has dispersed the enemy. pursuit of our forces prevents the Germans from taking up the positions which they had prepared for their use in the event of a retreat." Referring to the operations in Gali-

cia, the Army Messenger says: "All of our operations in Galicia are ending successfully for us. We continue to push the Austrian army in the direction of Cracow. In spite of the intense cold which is delaying our offensive, we are advancing vic-

toriously. "Several of our contingents already are abreast of Cracow, the defenders of which are being turned on the The morale of our troops

London, Nov. 30, 11:50 a. m.—Ref-building of ships for the German crences to the Russian success in fleet. chastened since the cautionary report amount subscribed as well as the givissued by Grand Duke Nicholas, commander of the Russian forces in the being those of prominent German go to Siberia with funds for German cause he did not believe in the single of the Russian forces in the being those of prominent German go to Siberia with funds for German cause he did not believe in the single of the Russian forces in the being those of prominent German go to Siberia with funds for German cause he did not believe in the single of the Russian forces in the being those of prominent German go to Siberia with funds for German cause he did not believe in the single of the Russian forces in the being those of prominent German go to Siberia with funds for German cause he did not believe in the single of the Russian forces in the believe in the single of the Russian forces in the single of the Russian forces in the believe in the single of the Russian forces in the single of the Russian forces in the believe in the single of the Russian forces in the single of the Russian for field, which was made public. Never- manufacturers. The paper says that and Austrian prisoners there. These cerity of the president, when, recently, theless the military critics in the cap many directors and managers of imfunds were collected by Germans and orders were issued that the timeitals of the allies, according to dis- portant German concerns in Petropatches reaching London, remain con-patches remain con-

Vremya alleges that the campaign was started by Count Von Pourtales, the German ambassador to Russia during the months immediately pre-ceding the war in the guise of funds for German Lutheran missions in

BERLIN WIRELESS

heathen countries.

Berlin, Nov. 30, by wireless .- The official press bureau announced today that it had received advices from Rotterdam to the effect that England was soon to send a part of her new army to South Africa. The remainder of the British reinforcements, it is said, are destined for the continent

The Turkish general staff, it is re-ported from Constantinople, denies

that the Turkish army operating against the Russians is retreating on Erzerum. The press bureau says that the sul tan of Turkey has received a pledge of allegiance subscribed to be Egyp-

SPECIAL AGENT

Washington, Nov. 20.-George Weitzel, former minister to Nicara-gua, has been appointed a special agent of the state department to assist Ambassador Morgenthau in Constantinople. He will leave for Tur-Henry Morgen ferred with Acting Secretary Lansing today, preparatory to leaving for Con-

John G. Coolidge of Boston has been

captain of the Southern Pacific steam-Paris, Nov. 30. 3:50 p. m .- The which only the most strenuous ef- ship Momus was lost at sea some time French official communication from Parls this afternoon is as follows:

"In Belgium the enemy is remain."

A news report from Petrograd sets of the German commanders can during Sunday night it became known when the boat arrived here today.

A news report from Petrograd sets He was missed at 3 o'clock Sunforth that the Germans, apparently igopposition along the Vistula or hold-

center, leaving very thin lines of communication between their wings. NEW communication between their wings. without precedent in the history of **PURIFYING WATER** In the meantime the resumption of the Russian offensive resulted in a

the oldest captains in the New York-

New Orleans passenger service

Washington. Nov. 20 .- Army surgeons have developed a new method two Japanese colliers were sighted f purifying drinking water for troops off Magdalena bay, Lower California, they may be able to withdraw, in the in the field which has experimentally last Monday by the American freightgiven excellent results and is likely to er Aztec, now in port here from Iquibe adopted generally. Canvas bags que, Chile, so closely woven as to be waterproof. The Brit Unofficial dispatches declare that Zeebrugge is again preparing for an are used to carry the water and in mans directing their activities toward each bay is dropped fifteen grains of from the sea with the Gerchloride of lime. This destroys all which have long been patrolling the germs within five minutes. The Pacific coast, were recognized but nal from the land to British ships off bag weighs only 8 pounds.

AMERICAN WAR TAX Germany acknowledges that the Russian northern army has penetratmiles southwest of Gumbinnen, which is about 20 miles west of the Ger-

Washington, Nov. 30.-The emergency war tax bill to raise \$100,000,000 | American west coast. sive. These two points stood out in gency war tax bill to raise \$100,000,000 today's news from the battlefields of in revenue will go into full effect tomorrow.

The provisions of the measure levy-Russia's forces, it is reported unofficially today, have at last reached ing taxes on tobacco, beer and wine Cracow, the Austrian fortress in went into effect on November 1 and the remaining sections will become efnorthwestern Galicia, near the boundaries of Russian and Germany. An fective tomorrow. The latter include Italian correspondent at the front taxes on bankers, pawnbrokers, brostates that Cracow is now being bom- kers, theatre proprietors, including mobarded by heavy Russian siege guns tion picture houses, owners of circuses and that one of the suburbs is in and other shows, perfume, cometics, chewing gum and similar articles; The capture of this fortress has commercial paper of all description; teen one of the main objectives of steamship tickets, parlor car seats who, in retiring, is abandoning his Russia's campaign against Austria, and sleeping car berths and telephone munitions of war. The energetic on the theory that its fall, together and telegraph messages where the

with that of Przemysl, now under charge exceeds 15 cents. Stamps in denominations of from siege, would mean Russian ascend-ancy in that part of Austria which \$5 to 1 cent are to be affixed to these to the north of the Carpathian articles.

Paris, Nov. 30, 5:05 a. m .- A dis-

patch to the Havas agency from Pe-

trograd contains a statement issued by the general staff of the Russian

"There was no action of any im-

Peking, Nov. 30 .- Dr. Paul Reinsch.

American minister to China, cabled

portance on November 28.

WHY GERMANS WERE DRIVEN FROM CITY

Petrograd, Nov. 30, via London, 2 m .- The Novoe Vremya today pubiches an explanation of the recent army in the Caucasus. It says: wholesale expulsion of Germans from the capital, saying it was due to the discovery of subscription lists for the

SOUTH ATLANTIC TRENCHES TAKEN

Be Close By—Steamers Loading at Montevideo.

lish Warship With Colliers Seen in Pacific Waters.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, Nov. 30 .ispatches received here from Monteideo insist there is good reason to believe that the German squadron which has been operating in the Paific ocean, is at present in the South Neither the French nor the British legation here has any information to confirm these reports; nevertheless private dispatches give It is related among other things that several German steamers are preparing to leave Monlevideo to provision the German war-

Reports that the German Pacific quadron has succeeded in making its ay to the Atlantic have been current or two days. Under date of November 28. Montevideo reported that the German squadron had been sighted 00 miles north of Punta Pilar, Brazil, bearing northeast.

ecent reports that the German fleet now in the South Atlantic appear to have been confirmed here today It is also rumored that a powerful British fleet is nearby

Interruption of British shipping and the outfitting of German merchant ships with supplies were accepted here as confirmatory of reports of the approach of the German fleet, which now believed to be off the mouth the river Plata

The German steamer Patagonia is eing loaded here with provisions, the New Orleans, Nov 20 .- J. S. Boyd, Sierra Cordoba with coal and the Mca with coal and water.

Sailings of British steamers from Montevideo and the Brazillan port of Santos have been suspended

Marine records show that the Sierra Cordoba was at Montevideo on Noember 22. The Mera reached that cially stated to be one day's march. port on September 8, since which time there has been no report from her The latest record of the Patagonia is her arrival on October 22 at Teneriffe, Canary islands.

British and Japanese Warships Sighted. San Francisco, Nov. 30.—Three Jap-

anese and one British warship and

The British light cruiser New Castle -a sister ship of the Glasgow, and the Japanese cruiser Idzumo, both of another Japanese cruiser and a Japanese battleship were unfamiliar to he Aztec's officers.

Probably these vessels were the battleship Hizen and the cruiser Asama, which coaled and left Honolulu as soon as the German gunboat Geier interned there. The understanding in the Japanese colony or the islands at that time was that the Hizen and Asama were bound for the South

(Correspondence of the Associated

Press.)
Peking, Oct. 27.—Wang Chi-Hsing. the ex-prefect of Shun Tien Fu, the metropolitan district in which Peking is situated, has been executed by shooting because of bribery and corruption-for selling offices under him and accepting "squeeze."

Wang Chih-Hsing held the military rank of lieutenant general. The case has caused great excitement in political circles in China, especially because General Wang was a personal friend of Yuan Shi Kai. It is reported that the president sent an emissary to the family of the general informing them of his regret at having to fulfill the law in order to stamp out corruption, and of his intention to provide for the maintenance of the

Many minor officials also have lost their lives because of dishonesty and opium smokers continue to die at the hands of the soldiers. The governor of the important province of Kansu government permit two Americans to has been dismissed from office be-Austrians throughout the east. It honored custom of sending rich gifts

Powerful British Fleet Said to Russians Storm Triple-pro- Lays Stress on Hardships Suf- Three Prominent Workers in tected Earthworks and Take Many Prisoners and Guns.

OTHER WARSHIPS SEEN GERMANS REINFORCED

Three Japanese and One Eng. Position of Kaiser's Forces Near Lodz Critical—Army One Hundred Miles From Base.

> Petrograd, Nov. 30, via London, 2 o. m.—Six hundred prisoners seven guns and many wounded fell into Russian hands in yesterday's fighting to neer of the Brotherhood of Locomo-the west of Locitch, where the Russians took ten miles of trenches between Glovno and Sobota. according to information received today through trustworthy sources. Glovno is 16 miles northeast

Lodz and Sobota is 12 miles north of The trenches were protected by tripe earthworks and wire de-It is semi-officially announcfenses. ed that the Germans have received einforcements in the shape of two infantry divisions and one cavalry division.

The occupation of Glovno, Bielavy and Sobota straightens and strengthens the Russian right wing, which already is said to have widely outflanked the German left, bringing the Russian right from 20 to 25 miles in Montevideo, Uruguay, Nov 30 -The tle now is raging, and puts the German center under an attack from Glovno and Lodz.

German Position Critical. Military experts are of the opinion hat the German position around Lodz oday is far more critical than it was during the initial reverses around Warsaw a month ago. They point out that the German army is 100 miles from Thorn, its base, and the fact that the occupation of its present position was so precipitate indicates that the line of retreat was not well or-

Military observers also maintain that Germans will be greatly handicapped by the withdrawal even should they execute the movement in fairly good order.

The extent of the Russian advance in East Prussia between the Mazurian lakes and the river Angerapp is offi-

GEN. CABALLERO LOYAL TO VILLA

Washington, Nov. 30 -Official dispatches today confirmed earlier reports that General Luis Caballero. governor of Tamaulipas, has joined the Villa forces in Mexico. As he is in control of Tampico, the peaceful entry of the troops which have been marching eastward from San Lius Potosi, is now expected. Caballero has been claimed by both the Carranza and Villa factions. Caballero has telegraphed to Gutierrez his allegiance to the Aguas Calientes convention.

In a dispatch dated at Queretaro, temporary capital of the convention faction, Special Agent Canova of the state department, said a rumor was current that General Pablo Gonzales, one of the Carranza division commanders, had proclaimed himself provisional president and named a cab-

Canova was unable to confirm the rumor. Officials here think it un-likely. The last dispatches dated Saturday said the city was quiet.

OLD PARTIES

Chicago, Nov. 30 .- Amalgamation of the Progressive party with the Democratic party has been agitated by Democrats of national prominence is full, fair and adequate. We have according to information brought here today by one of those who will sit in the executive committee of the Progressive party here Wednesday. The same man admitted that the question of amalgamation is to be discussed at the meeting although his own opinion is that the committee will decide to continue the national organization for the time being.

Three propositions, it is understood are to be taken up by the commit-

Maintenance of the national organization for the purpose of enter-ing a presidential candidate in 1916. Amalgamation of the Progressive party with the Democratic party. Amalgamation of the Progressives and Republicans.

George W. Perkins of New York is obstrman of the committee, ...

WILSON NAMES A WAGE DISPUTE MINE COMMISSION

fered by Men, Long Hours, Hazards and Responsibilities.

SUMS UP SITUATION

Labors of Employes Increase, Earning Capacity Decrease -Rights of Public.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—In his opening statement to the arbitration board, Warren S. Stone, grand chief engithe Rus-German ences which have preceded the pres-to attempt to bring the operators ent arbitration of the wage and service and miners together. differences between the railroads and heir employes.

ships suffered by the men, then have been prominently iden-hours of services, and their hazards of them have been prominently iden-tified with the settlement of labor and their responsibility. He said tified wi that they were entitled to better serv- troubles. ce conditions and higher wages than the railroad managers were inclined the present differences between the to accord them. Reviews Wage Movement.

and that later it was decided the agreement between the operators and Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen miners, it is announced, will be con-Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers have been endeavoring for in the presentation of the requests to time to adjust the controversy. the railroads. He told of counter are Hywe! Davies and W. R. Fairley managers and of the joint conferences last winter which culminated in the agreement to arbitrate.

tions on the employes.

traffic each year is becoming more ilar troubles in the future, congested, that each year the public President Wilson's plan for a tem demands faster time and better servthe chief engineer said, and it must not be overlooked that all of these increased burdens fall on the same this work and responsibility.

Chief Stone Sums Up Sit Summing up Mr. Stone said:

"We shall endeavor to show that gains in productive efficiency by the these economies in the interests of men in the transportation service.

"The effect on engineers and firemen have been three fold. Their labors and responsibilities have been increased, their productive efficiency has been increased greatly, but their earning capacity, even at the slightly increased rates of payment they have received, has declined,

Railroads Pile Up Burdens.

"We hope to show that these railroads, not satisfied with the present hard conditions, which have reached the limit of human endurance are rado in case controversy between train loads, thereby increasing the labors and responsibilities of the engineers and firemen."

Quoting a statement of the railroad managers last June in which it was pointed out that increased in the expense of railroad operation through compliance with the employes requests would in the long run make the public the sufferer. Mr. Stone said:

"It is refreshing to see this change in sentiment, but it is only when some question of increase of wages of employes is concerned that they become so solicitous for the long suffering public. A little group of financial pirates will exploit some railroad and place a burden on the public which generations yet unborn will have to bear and you hear not even a whisper of the rights or suffering

of the public." Attorney James M. Sheehan retained by the railroads, said that he would reserve his opening statement until the presentation of evidence for the employes informed him what line of defense would be required.

He added: We will contend, of course, that the present rate of pay no quarrel with Mr. Stone as to the high class of men required to run locomotives, nor do we question their responsibilities and the arduous nature of their duties."

He said wages were adjusted in 1910 by mediation and arbitration and while in his view the present arbitration should have to do, only with changes in the last four years, Mr. Stone's opening remarks concerned the in-creased responsibilities and hardships which have developed in the last 25 years and most of which the railroads assumed were duly considered in 1910.

Rotterdam, Nov. 30, via London, 10:08 a m -The newspaper Maasbode learns that Queen Elizabeth of Belgium is ill and confined to her bed. Her illness is due to overwork in the Red Cross service.

Settling Labor Disputes Appointed by President.

FEDERAL MEDIATORS

Colorado Operators Assume Uncompromising Position-Situation Serious and Distressing.

Washington, November 30. - Another effort at Colorado coal strike troubles, moved forward today with President Wil-

The commission is Seth Low of Seth He laid great stress on the hard-ships suffered by the men, their long Patrick Gilday of Clearfield, Pa., all

The commission will not deal with tempt to settle similar disputes in the He said the wage movement of the future. Efforts to bring about a set-employes was begun two years ago tlement of the present strike by an and Enginemen should work with the tinued by the federal mediators who

propositions submitted by the railroad President Reviews Colorado Trouble. The president in a statement an nouncing the appointment of commission reviews in detail the va-Mr. Stone insisted that any award rious steps taken by the federal govof the board of arbitration should not errment to bring about a settlement decrease the present wage rates nor of the present trouble. He then eximpose less favorable service condi- presses the hope that the parties to the controversy will make use of the After describing the hardships of commission as an instrument of the men in the cab and noting that pence to prevent a repetition of sim-

porary settlement of the strike which ice that each year larger locomotives he suggested some time ago contem-are built and heavier tonnage hauled, plated appointment of a commission similar to the one he has just named he plan was accepted by the miners, but rejected by the operators, their men, their number not having been principal objection being to a comincreased for the purpose of dividing mission. In referring to the rejection of the plan the president in his

"I think the country regretted their decision and was disappointed that during the past 24 years the western they should have taken so uncomrailroads have made remarkable promising a position. I have waited and hoped for a change in their attiinstallation of locomotives of greater tude, but now fear that there will tractive power. By the elimination be none. And yet I do not feel that of curves and reduction of grades, remarkable increases in train loads presence of circumstances so serious have been made. The burden of all and distressing. Merely to withdraw the federal troops and leave the sitrailroad investments is borne by the ustion to clear itself would seem to me to be doing something less than my duty after all that has occurred."

Decides to Name Commission. The president then says that he decided on the appointment of a commission contemplated in the plan of temporary settlement despite its refection by the operators in the hope that similar troubles may be amic ably settled in the future.

The commissioners, the president announced, will place themselves "at the services alike of the miners and the operators of the mines in Colointending to add further to existing them should in the future develop circumstances which would render mediation the obvious way of peace and just settlement."

SETTLE DISPUTE

Differences of Ninety-eight Railroads and Fifty-five Thousand Employes to Be Heard.

Chicago, Nov. 30 .- Arbitration of the differences over wages and hours of employment of ninety-eight western railroads and their fifty-five thousand enginemen began here today before a board of arbitrators under the previsions of the Newlands act. It is regarded as the most important case thus far to come under the law In a general way it is stated that the wage increases sought by the men is about 10 per cent. They were represented in court by Warren S. Stone, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and William S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Fire men and Enginemen. The railroads were represented by the twelve committeemen of the Managers' association, assisted by legal counsel. The evidence, it was predicted, will be largely statistical, although it is probable that about forty witnesses, divided equally between the two sides, will

The arbitrators are W. L. Park and H. E. Byram, representing the rail-roads; F. A. Burgess and Timothy Shea for the employes and Judge Feter C. Pritchard and Charles Nagel, appointed by the government